



## WHAT IS FAFSA?

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The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an online application where current and prospective students can request financial aid. The site is maintained through the U.S. Department of Education and communicates need-based grant information to your college/university.

FAFSA is completely separate from FTA & NCTAP. Since funding in both of these programs is not guaranteed, students are highly encouraged to seek other methods of funding their education. FAFSA is one such way.

### Can I submit FAFSA before I've been accepted?

Yes. The application itself is designed specifically for this. It allows you to enter multiple schools into your application.

### What do I need to submit the application?

- Full social security number
- Federal income tax returns, W-2s, & other records of money earned
  - In some cases, you may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to obtain federal income tax information
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- FSA ID to sign application electronically (if applicable)
  - Created within the site

If you are a dependent student, you will need this information as it pertains to your parent(s).

### Where do I submit my application?

Your FAFSA application is submitted online through the FAFSA website at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>.

### I have more questions.

The financial aid office at your school is the best point of contact with any FAFSA-related questions that you may have.